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Why Be Afraid?

An Editorial

Since a story on the alleged "brain-washing" of a foreign student appeared in last Sunday's Torrance Press, we have received a number of telephone and personal compliments on our "courage" in publishing the article.

While it is flattering to be considered fearless, this praise is a sad commentary on the freedom to discuss school affairs in a critical manner.

The idea of publishing a story which points up the sensitive attitude of school brass to any criticism, in our minds at least, was not "courageous." To the contrary, it merely reported a situation which seemed to have caused indignation and embarrassment to a number of people who knew about it.

It seems strange that a number of residents are fearful of what might happen if they dare criticize the public school system, which should be at the service of the very people who support it financially.

We are not fighting the school administration. By and large, it has done a wonderful job. But any organization that large cannot be perfect. And if we hear of incidents such as lecturing an exchange student because he spoke his mind instead of sticking to prepared speeches glorifying the Torrance school system, we will continue to report it.

This, in a democracy, does not and should not take "courage."

Wife to Face Hearing in 'Late Dinner' Shooting

Chase Nets Auto Thief

Housewife Nabbed in Shooting

A petite housewife faces preliminary hearing Friday in Torrance Municipal Court for the shooting of her husband.

Held in County Jail in lieu of \$5000 bail is Mrs. Martha Emogene Schultz, 42, charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

The woman is accused of shooting her husband, Duane, 46, in the couple's home, 2654 W. Carson St., Wednesday evening following an argument.

The husband, an employe of the National Supply Co., was still in critical condition with a bullet wound in his lower abdomen.

Police said the greying, tiny woman admitted shooting her husband with a .22 caliber pistol "on a dare."

The argument broke out after Schultz demanded to know why dinner was not ready after he returned from work, officers said.

The investigators said both had been drinking prior to the dispute.

Mrs. Schultz was arraigned before Municipal Judge Otto E. Willett Friday morning after a complaint was issued by the district attorney's office.



MARTHA SCHULTZ

Fugitive Captured in Chase

An escapee from a forestry camp was captured here Thursday afternoon during a high speed chase and a manhunt through several backyards.

The 17-year-old youth, a resident of the "Shoestring" area, was finally pulled out of a large locker in the rear of 1715 W. 236th St., by Officers Bob Such and Jim Crowe during the pursuit, which had some humorous incidents.

Such began the five mile chase when he saw the stolen red Thunderbird the fugitive was driving at Hawthorne Blvd. and 230th St. Such, who had previously received a description of the car, immediately gave chase, at times reaching speeds of 85 m.p.h.

Out of Control

The suspect's faster car kept well ahead of Such's patrol car until it spun out of control while making a turn at 235th St. and Walnut Ave.

Unable to get away, the young escapee abandoned the vehicle and sprinted over backyard fences in the area.

Such, with the aid of Crowe, who was covering from the opposite side, made a painstaking search of the backyards until they converged on some small children playing in one yard.

Hide and Seek

"Did you see anyone come through here?" Crowe asked the youngsters.

The children explained they hadn't seen anyone except a youth who told them he was playing hide and seek with them.

The youngsters pointed out the locker into which the fugitive had crawled and he was placed under arrest.

Such said that during the hunt he sprinted through his own backyard and observed the shocked expression on the face of his wife, Carolyn, who was standing by the window washing dishes.

Juvenile Officers said the suspect was arrested on charges of escaping from the Bouquet Canyon camp, from which he had been missing for over a month, and suspicion of grand theft auto.

Press Newsboy Gets Eagle Rank

Richard DeMong, 14, 3209 W. 177th St., will receive his Eagle Scout award this evening at ceremonies at the St. Catherine Labourer Catholic Church, 3846 Redondo Beach Blvd.

A Torrance Press newspaper boy for more than 3 years, Richard, a student at North High School, is the first scout from Explorer Post 785X to receive the Eagle rank.

World War I Vets Organize

An organizational meeting of the Veterans of World War I will be held in the American Legion Hall Thursday at 7 p.m.

Art Hicks, deputy chief of staff for the California Department, said that the purpose is to form a Torrance Barracks of the organization, which has 12,000 members in the state.

He said that World War I veterans are organizing to obtain \$100 a month pensions, hospitalization and other benefits received by Spanish-American War veterans.

SOFTBALL DERBY

A softball derby will be staged May 2 at the Sea-Aire Park, 22730 Lupine Drive, under auspices of the Recreation Department.



TOM SYLVA . . . down low



GRACE IRVINE . . . sweet notes

'Average' Young Musicians Win Major Parade Trophies

Demonstrating that an average group of young musicians can play along with the best of them are Los Caballeros Youth Band, which has won 10 trophies during the past year.

The group of musicians between the ages of 13 and 20 was organized 19 months ago by Glenn Yamamoto, 20, 21854 Bonita St., who hopes to become a music teacher some day. "I thought it was a good thing for the kids; it stimulates their interest in music and in participating in school bands," said the young founder of the 35-piece marching group.

He said that most of the band members are just average musicians, but he points out, "it surprises you how well they play together."

Los Caballeros have participated in most of the leading parades and will participate in a parade today. The group is financed solely by the \$2 per month membership dues, but once in a while a special event is conducted to raise funds for their colorful Spanish-type gray and red uniforms.

City Hall Shuffle Plan Approved

Move of the Recreation Department to the old city hall at 1511 Cravens Ave., and a reshuffle of offices at the new city hall was approved by the City Council Tuesday.

Councilmen accepted recommendations from Chapman L. Bone, assistant city manager, to shift some offices in the new city hall, which is already overcrowded.

Bone said that the move, to be effected at a cost of \$1500, will solve the problems for the next couple of years after which he said an addition will have to be built.

Form Theater Group

Formation of a Community Theater group was announced this week by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

Persons with all types of interests, acting, painting, designing, singing and writing, are invited to call Herma Tillim at FA 8-5368 for information.

Councilman Hits Names of City Shopping Areas

Names of Torrance shopping centers came under councilmanic fire Tuesday, because they do not have the city's name in the title.

Councilman George Bradford objected to the name "Rolling Hills Plaza" designation for the airport triangle development.

He opined that the center should have the name South Torrance in it to indicate where it is.

Bradford also declared that the "Del Amo Shopping Center" is a misnomer, because it is confusing to people from out of town who do not know that it is in Torrance.

"These things should be stopped before they are given birth," he grumbled.

Fireman Rescues Tot from House

It took a fireman to reunite an 18-month-old toddler with his mother Thursday.

Mrs. W. C. Waddell, 4520 Newton St., phoned firemen after she was unable to coax her son, William, from underneath the house, where he had crawled through a hole.

Fireman Ed Carter finally crawled under the house and returned the frightened little boy to the daylight.

Torrance Man Killed

Raymond E. Hicks, 30, of 5134 Carmelynn St., was fatally injured in a Long Beach traffic collision Thursday morning.

The accident occurred on Daisy Ave., near 6th St. Hicks died 30 minutes after arrival at Seaside Hospital, police said.

Campy to Aid Pool Benefit

A Sports Night, featuring some of the best known athletes, will be held at the Civic Auditorium May 5 at 7 p.m. to aid handicapped youngsters at the Harlan Shoemaker School.

George Vico, Torrance chairman of the fund campaign to build a \$65,000 therapy pool at the San Pedro school which takes care of local youngsters, said all proceeds will go to that cause.

Among top sports figures to appear that night are Roy Compagna, the former Dodger catcher; Jon Arnett, Ram back; Johnny Lindell, former Yankee outfielder; Dr. Sammy Lee, the swimming and diving star; Frank Kelleher, former Yankee; Les Richter of the Rams; Kenny Washington, former UCLA and Ram back.

Movie Star Jeff Chandler is also expected to appear on the show, and Beans Reardon, famed National League umpire, will serve as master of ceremonies.

KONYA ENVOY

Charles Wortham, former Redondo Beach mayor, will be designated Torrance's official ambassador to Konya, Turkey, during a trip to the Near East next month.



COLUMBUS AND FRIENDS — Students in George Michael's fourth and fifth grade class at Jefferson School recreated the days of 1492 with this model of Columbus and of the ships which brought him to America. The children are studying American History and also are making a paper mache statue of Jefferson. Admiring the model are (front) Judy Puckett and Steve Mandel, and rear, Jackie Perez and Tony Webb.

'Moonlight' Ban Off in Group's Report

"Moonlighting" by city employes will be permissible, but on a limited scale if a recommendation is accepted by the City Council Tuesday.

A three-member committee of the City Council Thursday night suggested that city employes be permitted to hold outside jobs, limited to 16 hours a week.

In addition, the outside work can be neither hazardous nor detrimental to their municipal positions. The employes must also be covered by compensation insurance.

All "moonlight" jobs must have the approval of the department head and city manager.

The committee was composed of Chairman Nicholas O. Drale and Robert Jahn and Victor Benstead.

The committee was formed following a protest by city employes against an outside work ban imposed April 1.

"I'm going to have to study the report, but I'm sure something equitable can be worked out," commented Boris S. Woolley, attorney for the city employes.

Remember, It's Later Than You Think (1 Hour)

Have you lost something? If you haven't, you'll soon be an hour out of step, for today at 1 a.m. marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time and all clocks must be turned ahead.

The lost hour will be made up next September with the change back to standard time, but if you are worried about force of habit taking over, call the South Bay Phone and Wake-Up Service, FR 6-0371. Customers that don't sound wide awake the first time around are called back until they do.

Commission to Analyze Bond Plan

A \$4,016,800 park development program will be analyzed by individual members of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Each member was assigned to survey the recommendation for park acquisition and development by Director Harry B. Van Bellehman at Wednesday's meeting, with an eye to the various sections of the city represented by individual commissioners.

Van Bellehman proposed that approximately 121 acres of land be purchased, using approximately \$2,750,000 of the total amount. The remainder would be appropriated for developing existing facilities.

The money for the ambitious project is assumed to be financed by a bond issue which may be submitted on the municipal election ballot next April or at a special election in the fall.

Twice, before, voters have rejected a \$3,000,000 bond issue for recreational expansion.

POWER DISRUPTED

A short in the electrical system at the Palos Verdes Bowl, 24600 Crenshaw Blvd., Thursday disrupted power and caused as yet undetermined damage, according to fire department reports.